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on Epilepsy

~~V I shall begin my remarks upon this disease by making a humiliating acknowledgement - that is - that I can not cure it, and of course that I can not teach you how to cure it.~~

~~VI~~ In entering upon the consideration of this disease, I feel like King Richard <sup>who</sup> ~~when~~ dismounted by ~~the~~ in battle ~~won~~ cried out on "a horse - a horse - my kingdom for a horse" - In like manner <sup>gent.</sup> I feel disposed to begin my lecture upon Epilepsy by saying "O Remedy - a remedy! - A kingdom for a remedy for it." - after all that I have <sup>so</sup> collected by ~~much~~ reading - study and experience upon it I am sorry to acknowledge that I cannot cure it, & of course, that I cannot teach you how to cure it:

~~turn over to -~~

## Epilepsy VI

It has been defined, <sup>but improperly</sup> as a convolution of the  
nerves of the body, attended with sleep. It  
now often exists without sleep, & with no, or feeble convulsions.  
It was called *morbus convulsalis*

by the ancient *fauns* or the *falling sickness*,  
from its occasionally occurring in public  
assemblies. to p 2. (a)

Johannes Crato, an eminent physician  
in Germany, & physician to 3 successive  
Emperors, earnestly desired to live till  
he shd have of a satisfactory theory of this  
disease. He died without being gratified  
in his benevolent wish, & had he lived to  
this day he would not have been happier  
in the attainment of the object of his  
wishes than when he died. I have that  
I read much upon it, & am sorry to  
say, I know but little more about

✓ of this I have given you mortifying proofs  
in my ~~total~~ want of Sleep in the cases for  
which I have prescribed in the P. hospital.

✓ hence its paroxysms most generally occur  
in the night.

+ Dr Bichat has distinguished what he  
calls ~~irrit~~<sup>t</sup> - or ~~w~~<sup>t</sup> we call - Excitat<sup>y</sup>  
from Contractility - by the absence of  
tone from the nervous - muscular &  
sanguiferous fibres in the former case,  
& considerable tone in the latter. This in  
the Typhus fever there is great contract<sup>y</sup> as well  
as Irritabilit<sup>y</sup> - whereas in the typhus fever there is  
Irritabilit<sup>y</sup> with little contract<sup>y</sup>. - now in =

it, than I did 30 years <sup>2</sup> ago. I shall only  
aim therefore to give you a detail of facts,  
some ~~conjectures~~  
relative to this deplorable disease. In  
some happy moment of mental exten<sup>2</sup>  
you may perhaps be able to combine  
these facts so as to form a rational theory,  
and deduce a ~~useful~~ <sup>for our use it is ~~useful~~</sup> mode of practice  
~~from these~~ <sup>incurable disease</sup> ~~for our use it is ~~useful~~~~  
(a) "Debility is certainly its predisposing  
cause." Perhaps it owes its peculiarity  
obstinacy to this debility <sup>being depressed &c</sup> occupying at once  
the nerves - muscles & the blood vessels, &  
imparting to each of them a morbid excitability  
which invites to convulsive motions  
or morbid actions in each of them. This  
~~combination~~ <sup>of</sup> morbid excitability in the  
nerves - muscles & blood vessels has been  
called by Dr. Fuller morbility. I shall

These grades are 6 in number  
✓ They differ very much in their grades. They are  
sometimes so violent according to Lowneius as to  
produce an emulsion of Semen masculinum, and  
according to Dr Short to produce an effusion of blood  
from the extremities of the arteries upon the skin.  
I once knew ~~paroxysm~~ to take place during a  
paroxysm of Epilepsy. The woman ~~which~~ did not feel the  
pains usually attendant upon Childbearing, and  
wondered when she saw her child by her side, ~~when~~ when  
it came from it, when ~~her fit~~ <sup>completely</sup> was over. <sup>2</sup> But are  
paroxysms that do not prostrate either the body  
or mind. Swidernburgh's pions, but extravagant  
visions were the operations of his mind in fits of  
Epilepsy. He had them, sitting or on his knees. His  
rational faculties ~~as~~ were only positively changed.  
The case I formerly read to you of a man in  
Connecticut who was said to have two souls, was  
a milder grade of Epilepsy in which thought was  
nearly regular, & many actions performed in  
order <sup>the forgotten afterwards.</sup> In some people <sup>3</sup> Epilepsy is so feeble as  
only to produce <sup>only a faintness with a short</sup> a suspension of Speech & Walking.  
Thought goes on as usual. They go off in this  
way by time <sup>4</sup> In others, the face, eyes are a little comitted,  
without the least interruption of the exercise of the mind.

~~this excited fits of Epilepsy differ  
from those in hysteria.~~

It affects persons <sup>from childhood</sup>  
to 50, 60 & even 75 <sup>now attend a Doctor between</sup>  
50 & 60 in whom it last <sup>1800</sup> <sup>is sudden, palsey.</sup>  
the fits are from ~~at~~ hours to 6 months.

They occur often in the night, than in  
the day time. ~~As~~ I have known two

or three fits to occur & the Systers to be  
free from them <sup>in regular intervals</sup> <sup>after</sup> <sup>other diseases of</sup>  
<sup>(if they occur) sometimes</sup> <sup>they are transient epileptic</sup>  
= 50 they ~~do~~ <sup>faintly</sup> go of entirely, or appear  
only in ~~as~~ <sup>short</sup> ~~faintings~~ fits of short duration from the ~~less~~  
becoming ~~strictures~~.

I have <sup>met Boston</sup> heard of  
a man who has lived to be above 80 &  
who had been afflicted severely with them

<sup>I have also of a matron in France who attained with this</sup>  
in early or middle life & they sometimes  
disease, the same great age.

impair the memory, loss of understanding,  
inducing complete fatuity, but they often  
continue for years without leaving the

5 There is a grade of it in which the patient does not know what is said to him, but it is Ephtimoides in which the patient involuntarily repeated all that he heard, did, or thought the day before. 5 There is sometimes a perfect excuse of the reason & forms with general convulsions. Dr Bouchard & Ephtimoides.

inquiring whether Epilepsy may not  
be a days seated, and widely diffused paroxysm  
of fever? - all its remote causes are the same  
as exists induce fever - <sup>perhaps</sup> operating, with more  
force, and bringing on greater debility, and  
course  
of ~~more~~ greater morbid convulsions in the  
system. Compared with a common paroxysm  
of a fever, may it not <sup>be</sup> like a sudden huri-  
or tornado,  
- one compared with a steady, equinoctial  
gale. <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ than <sup>more</sup> it is said are affected by it  
I was consulted ~~in~~ in May 1804 by a Gent: from  
Maryland who was one of 3 brothers affec-  
ted with it, and ~~so~~ sometime afterwards  
by a farmer from Chester County who with a list: were  
affected with it. It is thus you a ~~peculiar~~ <sup>peculiar</sup>  
but I have not known it a hereditary disease.

force or operations of any of the functions  
This was the case with ~~the~~ <sup>4</sup> ~~case~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~who~~ <sup>was</sup> certainly  
of the mind. ~~Epilepsy is sometimes~~  
~~one of the greatest men the in point of intellect was lived.~~  
~~I receded, & alternated with madness.~~  
~~Two ages - in Penn. Hospital and Currier 1808. &~~  
~~Forsness Case. It proves fatal most~~

commonly when a fit does not kill  
by ending in <sup>apoplexy- or</sup> hydrocephalus: intermission

The blood seems to be confined to the  
arteries chiefly in persons who die of Epilepsy.  
Dr Johnson says in dissecting a boy who  
died of it, very little blood was found in <sup>his</sup> its  
veins. But Dr Short says he ~~never~~ <sup>never</sup> ~~take~~ <sup>take</sup>  
notice of this fact, and of the one mentio<sup>n</sup>  
from Dr Short. Do they not show the arte-  
rial system to be deeply affected in this dis-  
case? ~~Drawn from these facts are we not authora~~

W The Remote Causes of Epilepsy are:

1 general & 2 local. & 3 sympathetic.

The 1 are, great intemperance in

Drinking cold water - Was in Miss Charlotte Park's Hospital 1809 in  
V B There are instances of its being communicated  
by sympathy, or imitation as in the schools  
at Harlem, & in the Penns: Hospital during  
the time of the late Dr Hutchinson.

It is has been congenial of a Miss Knight  
in Montgomery County Penns: from seeing a person  
in fits during her pregnancy bore forth a child  
soon who she was affected with Epilepsy - be-  
came an idiot, & died at 18. A Mr. Lathings  
in the neighborhood (who was pregnant)  
saw his funeral & asked  
her husband whose it was. He answered Miss  
Knight's foolish son; and then described his  
fits by imitating his motions. His wife was  
much affected with the history & description of  
this boy - dreamed of him all the preceding  
night, & at the end of her pregnancy bore forth  
a girl in every respect discord with both &  
fability like the boy her husband described.  
This girl was alive & 19 years of age on the  
16 July 1792. I received the inform<sup>n</sup> from  
Miss L Ferguson - a most correct & sensible  
woman 11 ~~years~~ 12 <sup>11</sup> ~~years~~ <sup>12</sup> <sup>13</sup> <sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup> <sup>20</sup> <sup>21</sup> <sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup> <sup>24</sup> <sup>25</sup> <sup>26</sup> <sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup> <sup>29</sup> <sup>30</sup> <sup>31</sup> <sup>32</sup> <sup>33</sup> <sup>34</sup> <sup>35</sup> <sup>36</sup> <sup>37</sup> <sup>38</sup> <sup>39</sup> <sup>40</sup> <sup>41</sup> <sup>42</sup> <sup>43</sup> <sup>44</sup> <sup>45</sup> <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup> <sup>48</sup> <sup>49</sup> <sup>50</sup> <sup>51</sup> <sup>52</sup> <sup>53</sup> <sup>54</sup> <sup>55</sup> <sup>56</sup> <sup>57</sup> <sup>58</sup> <sup>59</sup> <sup>60</sup> <sup>61</sup> <sup>62</sup> <sup>63</sup> <sup>64</sup> <sup>65</sup> <sup>66</sup> <sup>67</sup> <sup>68</sup> <sup>69</sup> <sup>70</sup> <sup>71</sup> <sup>72</sup> <sup>73</sup> <sup>74</sup> <sup>75</sup> <sup>76</sup> <sup>77</sup> <sup>78</sup> <sup>79</sup> 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eating - drinking - & venery. Onanism has often induced it.

2 great bodily exercise.

3 great or undue exercise of the Understanding  
active  
and passions.

4 Sennor. Out of 34 patients at one time  
in the hospital at Vienna with Epilepsy,  
in 6 of them, it was induced by frights <sup>I have</sup>  
twice known to = which has twice induced it in the sight of Dr. Dr.  
"mold's" effigy, last it on a young man in  
this city. Topliss: <sup>He died of it. It is rarely used when</sup>  
~~from this cause.~~ —  
5 The retention of several of the excretions.

5 the return of ~~the return of~~  
6 Repelled Inflammations. *Intea rosa - Darwin*, going  
of humor albus. with Whitaker. vol. 1. of extracts p. 58.  
7 Sleeping in the Open Air. It was brot  
on by this means <sup>20</sup> 10 days in Germany after fatigue.  
of medicine from Carlisle. <sup>20</sup> sleeping on a  
wet sail brot it on in <sup>20</sup> 10 days in  
8 Inspire or arose air. Dr. Guthrie ✓  
The local cances are

lesions of the brain, & both ~~and~~

Dr. John Pringle

questions two causes of it induced in  
soldiers by a previous attack of an in-  
flammation of the brain.

5 Dissections show nearly the same ap-  
pearances which are found after apoplexy  
with ~~new~~ exostoses of the bones of the brain,  
but ~~are~~ most of these appearances I believe  
are the effects, and not the cause of ~~the~~  
disease - for if they were they ought to pro-  
-duce the same disease. I believe Epilepsy, Apo-  
-plexy, and Palsy <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Paroxysms &  
mania affect ~~de~~ when they exist separately  
different parts of the brain. ~~especially~~ the  
D<sup>r</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Campbell in an ingenious essay  
500 Disquisitions lately published in Edinburgh about 1805  
says the basis of the brain is affected only in  
Epilepsy and palsy - and the whole brain in  
apoplexy. Dr. Paul I said formerly placed the  
seat of madness ~~at~~ in the upper or cortical  
part of the brain. The Paroxysms must occupy  
the same place, being an acute form of the same  
disease. Hydrocephalus <sup>intervus</sup> probably affects both  
the upper & lower parts -

7  
fractures of the skull. D Potts case. A case 8 years  
after a stroke on the head reported in the Ann. Ephem.  
2 mal conformation of the brain. 3. +  
3 sympathetic often very small

1 Tumors in different parts of the body of  
2 a ragged wart on the ankle. D short. and Es: of Edin  
3 perhaps decayed teeth. ~~5~~ <sup>4</sup> perhaps  
✓ The disease <sup>3</sup> begins <sup>5</sup> ~~4~~ <sup>6</sup> mouth of Baltimore  
a fit when formed is easily re-  
excited

-excited by a moderate degree of any exciting  
cause, and by Aspiration. The voice of  
a distant bell, and even of a horses feet,  
excited it in two cases mentioned by Dr  
Cullen. A soldier who had deserted, & was  
discovered while drinking a mug of beer had  
his fits removed for several weeks every  
time he attempted to drink. ~~and~~ A pregnant  
lady who stood <sup>20</sup> long under the hands  
of a mantua maker <sup>that she</sup> fell into a fit  
from weakness. Her fits were removed  
every time she saw either her gown  
or the mantua maker. Untill after

V Savage relates the ~~case~~ of a woman in whom apoplexy produced an invariable attack of this disease. She was seized with it just as she was entering the door of a church. ~~This was~~ Her fits returned every time she ~~attempted to enter~~ it afterwards. ~~This~~ was obliged from this circumstance to receive the communion ~~outside~~ of the church. —

A man who cured of it by a Catholic priest on condition of never going into a protestant ~~church~~ <sup>chapel</sup>. At the end of 7 years he went, and was instantly seized with a fit. Mr Robinson a med. Stud.

A deserter who was apprehended while dining, fell down in a fit of epilepsy, which returned for sometimes, afterwards when he ~~ate~~ <sup>to his mouth</sup> any thing with any liquor

V 6 By ~~falling~~ burns from falling into the fire. By an attack of mania. It subsists however, ~~for~~ after this changing into another disease. & Dysty.

— of the brain. Time & hope will determine the truth or error of these opinions.

† It was cured by habildbearing in 2 of the Sisters of the Gent. from Portugal who consulted me last year.

her delivery.<sup>11</sup> ~~8.~~ <sup>8.</sup> Drowsiness occurs often in the night than in the day time probably be-  
-cause they are <sup>often</sup> excited by an aspiration  
of ideas in a dream.

Before we proceed to treat of the cure  
of this disease, let us inquire into the  
operations of nature in it. Has it ever  
been cured by her? I cannot say it has -  
but time, and certain changes in the  
System and Accidents have now often removed it. It  
has been cured

1 By ~~pestilence~~<sup>pestilence</sup>, <sup>one instance only of this occurred</sup> under my notice. It was in a woman.

2 By ~~pestilence~~<sup>water</sup> <sup>in</sup> pregnancy & childbearing.

3 By a change of Climate & Residence. <sup>#</sup>

4 By the hardships of a Camp life. They  
cured it in Drilios Caesar, also by a long

Journey - in Hunt, man's wife.

5 By age. It often happens or goes of at

50, or 60. Let us remember these

Facts. we shall presently apply them.

V. Area Epidystica, or a creeping sensation etc.

= b  
v and ~~ft~~ and a sensation like floating of  
one of the eyes from its orbit, and with  
something glistening before the eyes.

a Transuman in hospital.

+ Sensation of tension & pain above  
the pubis. in 2m grise; Berlitz 1811.

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The Remedies for Epilepsy divide them-  
selves into 3 heads.

1 Such as are proper in its forming  
State.

2 Such as are proper in the paroxysm,

3 Such as are proper in the intervals  
of the paroxysms.

1 In order to know when to administer  
the first class of Remedies, I shall examine  
- rate it for the symptoms of an approach-  
- fit. They are 1 a bitter taste in the mouth,  
2 or 3 days before a fit. 2 an enlargement  
of the pupils 3 <sup>obscure on</sup> Tumors & false Vision. 4 a  
tense pulse. 5 a slow pulse. morganii. 6  
Head Ach. 7 pain in the right eye - with  
inflamm: of the turica adnata according to Dr  
Cullen. 8 a peculiar Odor in the breath.  
9 moss wood. 9 Costiveness. 10 a redness in the

14 a trembling of the ~~under~~ lips.

15 ~~the last symptom~~ is the ~~area~~ Epileptica,  
or a creeping sensation rising from the extre-  
mities of the ~~area~~ feet & hands.

16 Singing, dancing - laughing - halloving  
& running. It is said it attacks Bown-  
part in the last way that has been  
seen! - viz running. - ~~that~~

17 Preliminary derangement of all the  
mental faculties. A fit of Epilepsy was  
always preceded in the late Rev'd Mr. White  
of New Haven by uncommon displays  
of genius & eloquence in his prayers  
& sermons. - }

face. 11 pains in the feet. 12 pimples on  
the tongue. 13<sup>o</sup> a sudden fit of horror  
such as <sup>is</sup> induced by the near approach of  
death. <sup>most of</sup> ~~all~~ these pulmonary symptoms  
have <sup>been</sup> occurred in my patients, & recorded  
at that the time they were communicated  
to me. You may faithfully rely upon  
them. <sup>they did</sup> not all in any one <sup>patient</sup>, & sometimes  
but one of them in a patient.

The remedies in this forewarning state of Epi-  
-lepsy are 1. 2d: where the pulse is tense, & when  
great fulness appears in the bloodvessels of the brain.  
2 an emetic. This is indicated when a bitter  
taste is perceived in the mouth.

3 Abstinence from animal food, & the sparing  
use of veg: food.

4 ~~A dose of Opium~~ a gentle purge. It was  
often given to the lady Mrs<sup>r</sup> Wood in whom  
it was succeeded by a peculiar Odor in the breath.  
The purge was Sulphur.

5 A dose of Opium.

or temples

# 13 Rubbing the hand on the forehead, & throwing the head back against a wall. Pursart. <sup>14</sup> Shaking the head rapidly. <sup>15</sup> Tremshen. Running rapidly. D<sup>o</sup> 16 Dashing a bucket of cold water all the head & body. 15 Improving wakefulness for one or two nights. I shall mention its good effects hereafter in preventing fits of somnolence, which usually occur in the night in Flaps, and in bed when the body is in <sup>16</sup> (a)

✓ the rising of the Anna Epileptica to the head. Dr Whist. & Dr Loeffler

by Boileau &amp; Cullen.

10 Fear. Girl in Infir. of Edin. <sup>11</sup> By running, & by suddenly rising out of bed. 12 Keeping the mouth & teeth apart by a piece of wood. - +

In treating of the Remedies that have been occasionally successful in this disease, we have to comment that no notice is taken of the grade of the Epilepsy in which they have been used. A medicine that will cure its milder grades, will have no <sup>more</sup> effect upon its worst grades. ~~than maggot balls upon the Rock of Gibraltar.~~ I shall first mention the Remedies proper to in the worst grades that have been described. They are the opposites

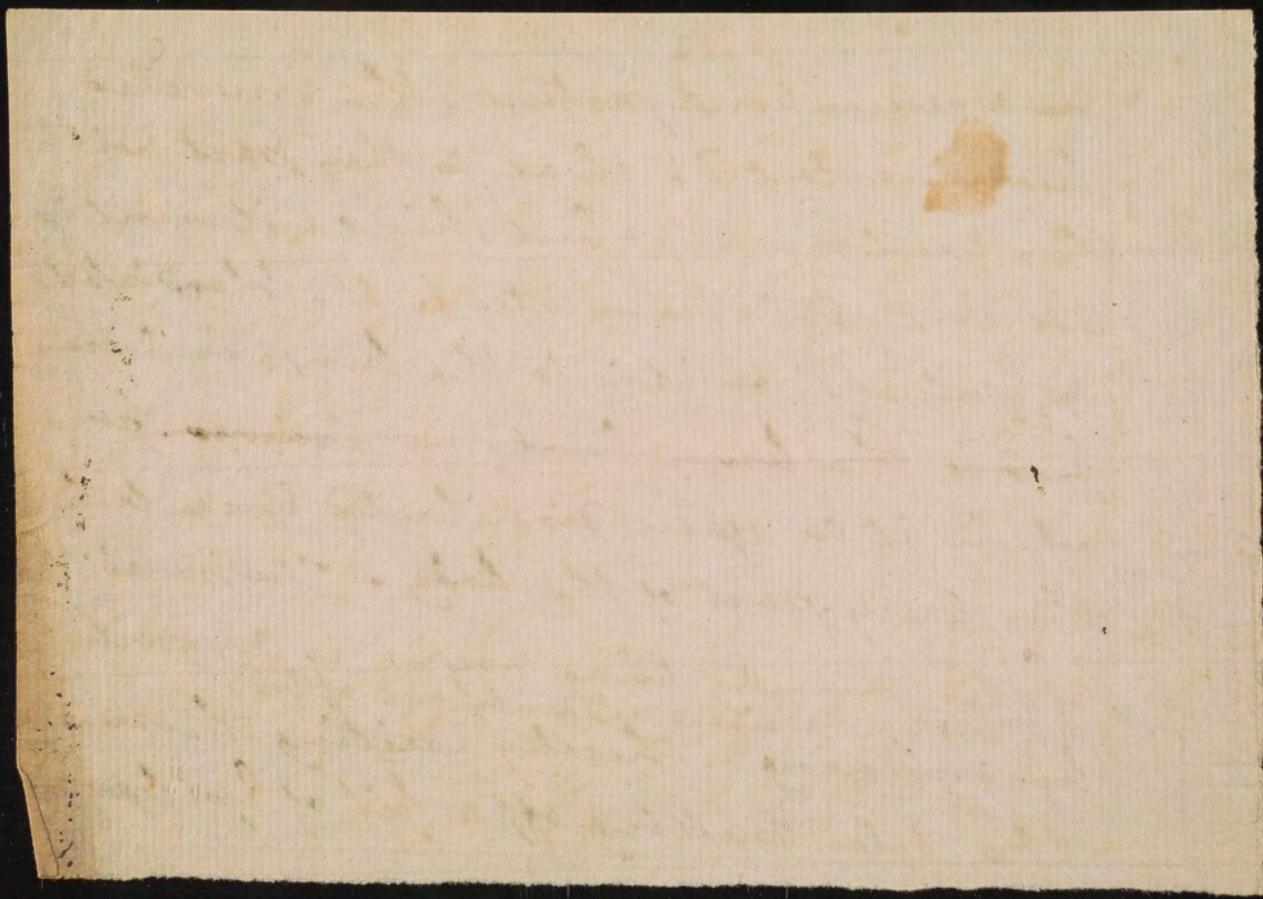
6 a cup of the juice of Rue. It was thus  
 invented in a man of Virginia. Dr. <sup>W<sup>3</sup></sup> Doddridge  
 a Spoonful of Salt in the mouth. a Tonick  
 of the small of burning Selsphor according to  
 Dr. Bushing of wingdeburgh. a Spoonful of  
 Selsphor  
 & Dr. Currie of Liverpool commands to be no  
 applied to the pit of the Stomach half an  
 hour before the Paroxysm. This remedy  
 prevents Intermittents used in this way.  
 9 ligatures around the extremities to prevent  
 It the Remedies in the pit are but few. When  
 the Convulsions are violent, as that be used.  
 It lessens its thicks violence, & shortens their  
 duration. Fresh Air - a loose Collar - few  
 Attendants - & an easy recumbent posture  
 are of consequence, as they prevent death  
 in the paroxysm. —

in the intervals of the fits the Remedies  
~~are~~ <sup>un</sup> radical  
~~are~~ <sup>or</sup> <sup>is indicated</sup> ~~is indicated~~ by the following  
 1. Dr. <sup>is indicated</sup> ~~is indicated~~ by the following  
 A tension of the pulse, & should always  
 precede the use of tonics. Dr. Brown's method  
 - on a

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== 1) in a recumbent posture, the muscles  
become relaxed; that is they part with  
their excitement, - but this excitement is  
not lost. It is translated to the blood vessels  
in Epilepsy, as it is to the lungs in Asthma,  
~~and to the lower parts in Convulsions~~ from  
where it is again distributed irregularly  
thru every part of the body. The probability

of this remedy being useful is supported  
by running <sup>& rising suddenly out of bed,</sup> thereby exciting the mus-  
cles, often putting off a fit of Epilepsy.



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of each other, and ~~do~~<sup>13</sup> yet they ultimately  
meet in a point, so as to produce the same  
effects. They are such depleting remedies  
as reduce the system gradually below that  
point in which the vessels - muscles and  
nerves are capable of morbid action. This  
is done in the cure of many diseases. The  
French Physicians during the late war in  
America cured Intermittents ~~by~~<sup>now</sup> wholly by  
Vd low Diet. No relapses ever took place when  
the cures were thus performed. The American  
Physicians own them with surprise, but could  
not refute them. The same <sup>in</sup> capacity of morbid  
convulsions have been produced in the Epilepsy  
by the following Remedies

1. Vd. It varies in infancy & childhood - Hematuria  
Child & Hobart's <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ indicated by the state of the pulse. &  
Dr Brown <sup>mentioning</sup> ~~says~~ <sup>Robt. Brown</sup> ~~that~~ a =

+ The yellow fever morbid convulsions are  
off the yellow fever are often thus prevented, &  
of common Remittants by the Bransius in India.  
3 a Salivation. 111

= cure being performed by using it to such  
an excess as to bring on Drossey. The blood  
loses all the marks of morbid action, &  
particularly itsy appearance, <sup>a</sup> being a yellow fever  
in like manner has often destroyed itself by spontaneous  
been prevented by the <sup>2</sup> Dr. C. <sup>blistering</sup> <sup>it has</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> a belief in the <sup>2</sup> Dr. C. <sup>empty</sup> <sup>it has</sup>  
with <sup>2</sup> Dr. C. <sup>empty</sup> <sup>it has</sup>  
the case of a Dr. Taylor cured by it, & Dr  
Cullen says more <sup>have been</sup> <sup>case</sup> cured by this, than  
by any other remedy. To be effectual it should  
reduce the system to a very low degree of flexibility.

3 or Salivation. This revolutionary remedy  
acts was first used by Dr Hugh Smith of  
London. I learnt it from him. It depiles  
, by the discharge from the mouth, & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by the Abstinence connected with it. To be  
effected, it should be kept up for a month  
or six weeks. I have cured two  
persons by it - Stewart & Lucy of Virginia,  
I think I had cured three more, but they  
have relapsed. One of them ~~is~~ died in  
a fit of her disease, after being freed from it  
three or four years. It is difficult to make  
the mercury act on the salivary glands in  
this disease. U.S. I should always preude it.  
~~in the application of this~~

4 Cold Applications to the head. Ice  
should be prepared when attainable, for this  
purpose. It should be confined by means of  
a bladder or a tin cap.

5 Lying in a sitting or inclined posture  
in order to prevent an undue determination  
of blood to the brain. I have employed these  
two last remedies with great advantage  
in the case of a gentleman in Maryland.

The 21 Cls of radical remedies for Epilepsy  
should be the opposites of those that have  
been mentioned. They should be Tonics.  
These should be of so powerful a nature as  
to overcome the predisposing debility of the  
system. This use is suggested by the oc-  
casional ills that have been experienced  
by lusty, pregnancy - burns - the hardships of  
a Camp life - and old age all of which import some  
to the system.

children more of conv. not built up; boy; son of Hobart boy & Abigail, son of Blyth & son of Hobart boy all about 13. <sup>not built up</sup> but fails in adults. <sup>white vit. & took bid to</sup> ~~but fails in adults.~~

~~the magistry of Bispirneth in pills, or dissolved in Ag. frostis.~~

~~nitrate of potas, or some castor & phosphorus of Epilepsy be given~~  
~~it will amount for each of these remedies having~~  
~~lessing the effect of some steps created in~~  
~~sometimes cured the disease. The vegetable tonics~~  
~~possess a greater~~  
~~probably succeed in the boy that requires few only~~  
~~but a cure for it, ~~but~~ it is difficult for~~  
~~be expected by giving them in very large~~  
~~childish in the remedies that have been~~

~~doses, full of the disease which I have~~  
~~last named. Let us try the effects of~~

~~described, while the - of combining them -~~  
~~increasing their dose - or let us search for~~  
~~powerful metallic tonics succeed in the its~~  
~~new tonics more powerful than those~~  
~~higher grades. V~~

~~in common use, or by discovering some~~  
~~more powerful~~  
~~new medicines belonging to the class of~~  
~~tonics. - with these ~~new~~ medicines~~  
~~a cordial diet, and exercise, or rather~~  
~~labor should be combined. I was lately~~  
~~consulted by a patient in Epilepsy whose~~  
~~fits occurred only on Sundays and on~~

what would be the effects of a high fever excited by artificial means in an Epileptic patient? we have seen it cure Epilepsy, & palsy, & we shall soon say it assists in curing madness. It is perhaps the convulsions ch: introduce the small pox - & some other forms of fever, are prevented from becoming periodical & perpetual - only by the ~~hot~~ Dr De la Roche says he only does a few part of fits 22 fevers which follows them. for a disease months. has long <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ by four of the malady. In a discourse which includes experience, and reasoning, the nothing should be left unattempted ch: affords the most remote prospect of success. —

# the form of Aura Epileptica. Perhaps this is a retrograde motion of the nervous fluid, & that Stimulants & drains applied to the feet & legs may be the means of retaining it in its proper place, or conveying it out of the system when it is excessive in its quantity? I am the

holidays - a strong <sup>fact</sup> in favor of the efficacy of labor in curing it. It is an excellent substitute for the hardships of a camp's life. <sup>V</sup> I have read of a headach occurring only on a Sunday in a lady, & that too from the debility induced by suspending the usual employments of the husband. <sup>V</sup> In moderate cases of Epilepsy the following remedies have been found useful.

1 Sets & Issues. They are commonly applied to the neck & arms. Perhaps a great advantage would arise from issues in the legs. The fits seem to ascend from the feet in 2 The actual Caster applied along the sagittal & coronary Setines. Dr Holler mentions 3 Crust being performed by this remedy - or Blisters all over the head.

4 Glycerins of an infusion of Tobacco. Dr  
Guller speaks of their efficacy.

5 long Journeys. 6 Change of Climate  
a ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> Disease & Diseases, in West Indys.  
7 Change of Residence. This acts by destroying  
old interests. Leppin, part 1, p. 445, vol. 1, Biblioth.  
old impressions, & associations, & where a  
distinction from manners - cut them out. Two cases thus  
arose.

more disposed to cherish a faith in those applica-<sup>21</sup>  
-tions from having lately read an account  
of its being cured after 25 years standing, by a  
fit of the gout in the feet. Eph: med. vol. 12. 320  
return to 2 ~~4~~

~~It is lying on a mattock on hard bed. It is constant~~  
~~thundering~~<sup>10</sup> ~~the sound of large church bells~~  
~~which I heard at first - and it in course of time~~  
~~on the bed.~~ Lenfle<sup>r</sup> mentions two cures being performed  
by means of the itch, the one communicated  
by design, the other acquired accidentally. Bith.  
vol. 1. p 445. 6. In addition to the pain of Itching  
of the pleasure of Scratching, which I have uppon  
to be the Remedies in cases in which the Itch  
cures diseases, let us not forget that many  
diseases go off with an itching, & that it is always  
a favourable sign. It is a token of disease, ~~but~~  
~~it is~~ ~~it may a mild one, compared with the disease~~  
~~cures~~ ~~or like dispensing which~~  
when even a yellow fever, it may cure diseases  
a hundred times more violent than itself.  
Dr. ~~the~~ Lenfle<sup>r</sup> attempts in vain to impart  
the itch by Inunction. It must be taken in  
the natural way - for it belongs exclusively to  
the skin. =

9. Uniformity of impressions from diet,  
Drinks, Drps, exercise & passions of <sup>company -</sup> mind.

Uniformity of the impressions from diet &  
Drinks is best kept up by never permitting  
the stomach to be ~~full~~ empty, <sup>or perhaps</sup>  
by advising diet & drinks by weight & measure  
(k) all these remedies for moderate

degree of Epilepsy should be used as aux-  
iliaries, or as Supplements to the deple-  
ting, and tonic remedies which were  
recommended in the worst grades of the  
disease. —

From a review of all the remedies for  
Epilepsy - the balance <sup>of any is greatly in</sup> favor of <sup>a milk</sup> V. - low  
Diet, & a Salivation - assisted afterwards by  
all the remedies that have been mentioned  
according to the condition of the system

I have only to add, that in vain  
will be our efforts to cure this disease

21 I have said that the disease attacks chiefly in sleep. What would be the effect of lessening the number of hours allotted to sleep? ~~and~~ or ~~thus to do so to render it less profound by advising~~ sleep upon a matras, ~~or of suspending~~ <sup>or upon</sup> ~~or of suspending~~ blankets only, laid upon a floor ~~be thus to obviate the operation~~ <sup>of one of its exciting causes</sup> ~~of~~ I mentioned ~~the~~ ~~matras~~ a fact formerly which is calculated to beget a ray of hope in this remedy. Many of the militia <sup>officers</sup> who ~~were~~ turned out in the winter of 1776 and slept on the ground, on floors only, during the winter, were seized with convulsions as soon as they ~~were~~ <sup>had</sup> to lie down on feather beds after they returned to their families. ~~Again~~ But further ~~I shall say~~ <sup>I shall say</sup> ~~exceptly~~ <sup>exceptly</sup> fits of asthma are the best of all ~~symptoms~~ <sup>symptoms</sup>. ~~if this were the best of the~~ <sup>#</sup> ~~and increasing~~ ~~as though to increase~~

# Recollect the effects of wakefulness ~~at~~ <sup>and</sup> mentioned by Dr Stodd in the cure of another disease of the brain - viz Phrenitis. I shall presently mention its good effects in presenting paroxysms of asthma ~~as~~ <sup>and hence of</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> sleep, & even in the ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> sleep or in bed.

without removing ~~the~~ patients out of the  
way of all its exciting causes. Drink, and  
study & ~~work~~ of every <sup>as it abhors reinfusion</sup> shd be avoided. Re-  
-pelled eruptions shd be restored - Obstructed  
- excretions & excretions should be <sup>opened -</sup> ~~restored -~~  
- worms should be expelled - tumors &  
- decayed teeth (if probable causes of Epilepsy)  
- ignored or extracted -  
should be extracted - and the passions should  
be reduced to ~~order~~ <sup>order</sup> their natural &  
just order.

I have three gent: laid before you  
upon the subject of a most afflictive and  
awful disease, & with an account of a few, solitory, and  
singular cases. We request you to give them a place in  
your youthful minds. They are composed  
with mine - a new and fertile Soil. Think  
~~man~~ that who shall of them in your  
retirement, & on your beds. The man  
who shall discover a radical & uniform  
cure for Epilepsy will deserve more from  
humanity than the discoverer of the <sup>gold</sup> Georgia

— recumbent posture, the muscles <sup>become</sup> relaxed, ~~and that is they part with~~ ~~lose their ex-~~ citement — but this excitement is not lost. It is transferred to the blood vessels & brain where it is epilepsy, and to the lungs in asthma — & hence perhaps the cause of paroxysms of both those diseases appearing in sleep or in bed, & hence the probability of the cure of them by means I have suggested to prevent them. They are suggested further by one of the modes of obviating a fit, viz rising out of bed, and running. return to ~~or~~ p 22 [k] p 22

### Signs

- 1 Unfavorable before initiation in infancy.
- 2 It is ~~not cured~~ ~~unless it occurs before~~ ~~in~~ ~~early life, unless by~~ Puberty, it is seldom cured by art.
- 3 It is most dangerous when attended with Vertigo & Bradycardia in its intervals.

Case of Epilepsy

The disease under which I pine away an unfortunate life  
Oppress me since my Eighteenth year. I am now in my Twenty-fifth & I seek  
Still a salutary remedy -

The fits take me as it follows:

At a dimness of sight succeeds immediately  
the apparition of a sparkles, quite alike a watch spring in its form & oscillations. I  
see it at the right temple, It seems to advance rapidly on me, Increasing in size &  
surrounding itself with a kind of blaze, which progressively assumes the aspect of  
a large fire. This fire threatens, as it were, to consume me, I feel its devouring  
approach, & After having environned my person & overcome my faculties, It deprives  
Me of my Senses. Then terminate the suffering of that dreadful moment. These two years  
My fits are come more frequent; from one to four & even six fits have afflicted me in the  
course of a month. However they are often mere alarms & four times only, in the above  
Period, they left me senseless. But there is no doubt that each symptom would become  
a compleat fit, If I could not succeed to stop its progress. The means that I have used  
to prevent their completion were, in the beginning, to rub my temples with the hands &  
Afterwards to fill up my mouth with Salt. But a long use of these means rendered  
Their effect less efficacious & at last without any effect. Next, I found out that  
Shaking my Head as fast as possible, acted efficaciously. These vibrations of head are  
still the only mean I am acquainted with to prevent a compleat fit; But it is not, unfortunately,  
Infallible; though at other times It is sufficient for me to run as fast as possible.

The numerous remedies that I have used for nerves, made  
Nothing on me; Those that I have employed externally, as blistering plasters, procured  
Me ~~done~~ some relief. I have long thought Bleeding salutary, & on that Account  
I came to perform this operation every two months; But I am convinced now that It  
Was baneful to me. The two last time that I submitted to it, I was almost instantly  
Taken with fits -

Changes in the Weather affect my health, & a transition from

Heat to cold is a subject of alarm to me - I feel often my sight weakening, & frequently  
I feel like a cloud over one eye - If free perspiration is beneficial to me, & has even  
The effect of clearing my sight - Exposure to cold, or to a great wind has brought  
Some fits upon me, At least, I thought this the cause of them. An obscurity of  
sight & a certain astiction at the right side of my face are, commonly, fatal symptoms -  
I can never blow my Nose, & Sternutatories have rather a bad effect - After the  
fits, I feel usually a heavy pain in the fore-Head, & when I am so lucky as to

Stop them, a starting in the right eye, accompanied with a kind of glittering at each start, together with a quick palpitation of the heart, always follow. Sometimes I am afflicted with a hard beating in the head; palpitations of the heart; difficult breathing; & Keen & sudden pains in the head, But the last is not common.

Many times I have experienced a kind of relief of chewing stimulating vegetables, as Mustard-leaves &c. When I feel my nose stuffed, that I can even blow it a little, I have reason to apprehend. I had been advised to wash my head every morning with cold water, I practised this a good while, But found out that it was hurtful to me. Bathing weakens me & I think it rather contrary to my health.

I have taken a good many remedies for nerves in my life, & the whole without any benefit. I am far from being robust & almost constantly I am costive. It may be well for me to observe, than an active life suits me perfectly well.

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